

## **Coach Code of Conduct**

As a leader and coach of the Blissfield Recreation Department, I understand the importance of the role I play in the lives of my players, and will ensure that my conduct sets the proper example for other coaches, team members and spectators. Beyond our basic mission of educating youth about the game of soccer, we strive to make each child's experience a rewarding one. This is best accomplished in a supportive environment that acknowledges each child's success. The Department seeks to accomplish this goal by emphasizing positive reinforcement, teamwork, tolerance, cooperation and personal responsibility. Therefore, we expect all our coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, the facilities and the game of soccer.

I accept the following code of conduct:

- I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will promote growth and development in a positive and supportive manner. I will nurture good sportsmanship and fair play by teaching and personally demonstrating my commitment to these virtues.
- I will teach my players to play fairly, respect the rules of the game, referees and opponents.
- At all times I will show respect for players, parents, opponents and officials.
- I will work in cooperation with the referee for the benefit of the game.
- I will not verbally, physically, or psychologically abuse any player, referee, coach, parent, or spectator, even in jest.
- I will not use profanity at any youth, parent, coach, or referee.
- I will remember that all participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will be on time to games and practices.
- I will inform parents / guardians of any injuries their children may have suffered.
- I will comply with all rules and guidelines established by the Department.
- I understand I am responsible for the behavior of my teams' other coaches, players, parents and fans. I will ensure that team spectators conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity while in attendance at games and practice sites and assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators.
- I will respect the players on my team and on other teams. I understand that soccer is merely a game and those players and coaches on other team are my opponents, not my enemies. I will teach my team to appreciate how the variety and diversity of the players in our League makes our experience richer and more rewarding. I will demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of the game. Be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to probation, suspension, dismissal or denial of Department related and coaching privileges or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Department or League.

I have read the Code of Conduct detailed above and by signing below, I agree I understand what I have read and will abide by the terms in this document.

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Signature of Coach

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Date

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Print Name of Coach